

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION**

BLUE SPIKE, LLC,	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 6:12-CV-499 MHS
Plaintiff,	§	LEAD CASE
v.	§	
TEXAS INSTRUMENTS, INC., et al.	§	JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
Defendants.	§	
	§	
BLUE SPIKE, LLC,	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 6:13-CV-86 MHS
Plaintiff,	§	CONSOLIDATED CASE
v.	§	
KRONOS INCORPORATED,	§	
Defendant.	§	

DEFENDANT KRONOS INCORPORATED'S ANSWER AND COUNTERCLAIMS

ANSWER

Defendant Kronos Incorporated (“Kronos”), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby answers the Original Complaint for Patent Infringement (“Complaint”) of Blue Spike, LLC (“Blue Spike” or “Plaintiff”) as follows:

Kronos denies each and every allegation contained in Plaintiff's Complaint, except as specifically admitted or explained herein. To the extent that the headings or any other non-numbered statements in the Complaint contain any allegations, Kronos denies each and every such allegation.

In response to the introductory paragraph on page 1 of the Complaint, no answer is required.

NATURE OF THE SUIT

1. Kronos admits that the action brought by Plaintiff purports to be an action arising under the patent laws of the United States. Except as expressly admitted herein, Kronos denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 1.

PARTIES

2. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 2 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

3. Kronos admits that it is a Massachusetts Corporation, having its principal place of business at 297 Billerica Road, Chelmsford, Massachusetts 01824. Kronos admits that it can be served with process through its registered agent, CT Corporation, located at 350 N. St. Paul Street, Suite 2900, Dallas, Texas 75201. Kronos admits that it does business in the State of Texas and the Eastern District of Texas.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

4. Kronos admits that the action brought by Plaintiffs purports to be an action arising under the patent laws of the United States. Kronos admits that this Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1338(a). Except as expressly admitted herein, Kronos denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 4.

5. Kronos admits that it has designated an agent for service of process in the State of Texas. Kronos admits that it regularly does business or solicits business in the District and in Texas. Except as expressly admitted herein, Kronos denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 5.

6. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 6.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A. Moskowitz' History

7. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 7 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

8. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the

allegations contained in paragraph 8 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

9. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 9 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

10. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 10 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

11. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 11 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

12. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 12 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

13. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 13 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

14. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 14 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

15. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 15 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

16. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 16 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

17. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 17 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

18. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 18 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

19. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 19 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

20. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 20 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

B. Patents-in-Suit

21. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the

allegations contained in paragraph 21 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

22. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 22 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

23. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 23 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

24. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 24 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

25. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 25 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

26. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph 26 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

C. The Accused Products and Services

27. Kronos admits that it makes, uses, offers for sale, and/or imports into the U.S. the 4500 Touch ID, 4510 Touch ID, and InTouch biometric time and attendance terminals (“Accused Products”). Except as expressly admitted herein, Kronos denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 27.

28. Kronos admits it does not have a license to Blue Spike technology nor does Kronos need one.

29. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 29.

30. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 30.

COUNT 1:

INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO. 8,214,175

31. In response to paragraph 31 of the Complaint, Kronos realleges and incorporates by reference the answers stated in paragraphs 1-30 above.

32. Kronos admits that the face of the ’175 patent shows it is entitled “Method and Device for Monitoring and Analyzing Signals.” Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the remainder of the allegations contained in paragraph 32 and,

on that basis, denies said allegations.

33. Kronos admits that the face of the '175 patent shows it was issued on July 3, 2012, and that Plaintiff attached what purports to be a true and correct copy of this patent as Exhibit A to the Complaint. Except as expressly admitted herein, Kronos denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 33.

34. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 34.

35. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 35.

36. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 36.

37. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 37.

38. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 38.

COUNT 2:

INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO. 7,949,494

39. In response to paragraph 39 of the Complaint, Kronos realleges and incorporates by reference the answers stated in paragraphs 1-38 above.

40. Kronos admits that the face of the '494 patent shows it is entitled "Method and Device for Monitoring and Analyzing Signals." Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the remainder of the allegations contained in paragraph 40 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

41. Kronos admits that the face of the '494 patent shows it was issued on May 24, 2011, and that Plaintiff attached what purports to be a true and correct copy of this patent as Exhibit B to the Complaint. Except as expressly admitted herein, Kronos denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 41.

42. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 42.

43. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 43.

44. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 44.

45. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 45.

46. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 46.

COUNT 3:

INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO. 7,660,700

47. In response to paragraph 47 of the Complaint, Kronos realleges and incorporates by reference the answers stated in paragraphs 1-46 above.

48. Kronos admits that the face of the '700 patent shows it is entitled "Method and Device for Monitoring and Analyzing Signals." Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the remainder of the allegations contained in paragraph 48 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

49. Kronos admits that the face of the '700 patent shows it was issued on February 9, 2010, and that Plaintiff attached what purports to be a true and correct copy of this patent as Exhibit C to the Complaint. Except as expressly admitted herein, Kronos denies the remaining allegations of paragraph 49.

50. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 50.

51. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 51.

52. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 52.

53. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 53.

54. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 54.

COUNT 4:

INFRINGEMENT OF UNITED STATES PATENT NO. 7,346,472

55. In response to paragraph 55 of the Complaint, Kronos realleges and incorporates by reference the answers stated in paragraphs 1-54 above.

56. Kronos admits that the face of the '472 patent shows it is entitled "Method and Device for Monitoring and Analyzing Signals." Kronos denies that Plaintiff has ownership of any rights in the '472 patent, including the rights to grant sublicenses, to exclude others from using it, and to sue and obtain damages and other relief for past and future acts of patent infringement.

57. Kronos admits that the face of the '472 patent shows it was issued on March 18,

2008, and that Plaintiff attached what purports to be a true and correct copy of this patent as Exhibit D to the Complaint. Kronos denies that this patent is valid, enforceable, and was duly and legally issued. Kronos is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the remainder of the allegations contained in paragraph 57 and, on that basis, denies said allegations.

58. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 58.
59. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 59.
60. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 60.
61. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 61.
62. Kronos denies each and every allegation of paragraph 62.

RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S PRAYER FOR RELIEF

63. Kronos denies that Plaintiff is entitled to the relief sought, or any other relief.

RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFF'S JURY DEMAND

64. Kronos states that Plaintiff's jury demand does not require a response.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

Further answering the Complaint, Kronos asserts the following defenses. Kronos reserves the right to amend its Answer with additional defenses as further information is determined.

FIRST DEFENSE

(Non-infringement of the Asserted Patents)

65. Kronos incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 64 of its Answer.
66. Kronos has not infringed, contributed to the infringement of, or induced the infringement of any valid claim of the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents, and is not liable for infringement thereof.

SECOND DEFENSE

(Invalidity of the Asserted Patents)

67. Kronos incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 64 of its Answer.

68. One or more claims of each of the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents are invalid for failing to comply with the provisions of the Patent Laws of the United States, including without limitation 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 and/or 112, and Plaintiff's claims for relief are therefore barred.

THIRD DEFENSE

(Lack of Standing to Sue)

69. Kronos incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 64 of its Answer.

70. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff lacks standing to sue because it does not hold sufficient rights to one or more of the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents.

FOURTH DEFENSE

(Equitable Defenses)

71. Kronos incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 64 of its Answer.

72. Plaintiff's claims for alleged infringement are barred or limited by equitable defenses, such as the laches, waiver, unclean hands, acquiescence, and estoppel.

FIFTH DEFENSE

(Implied License and Exhaustion)

73. Kronos incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 64 of its Answer.

74. Plaintiff's Complaint is precluded, in whole or in part, to the extent that any allegedly infringing products or components are supplied, directly or indirectly, to Kronos or are imported, sold by, offered for sale by, made by, or made for, an entity or entities having express or implied licenses to the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents.

SIXTH DEFENSE

(Unavailability of Relief)

75. Kronos incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 64 of its Answer.

76. Plaintiff has failed to plead and meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 271(b) and (c) and is not entitled to any alleged damages prior to providing any actual notice to Kronos of the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents.

SEVENTH DEFENSE

(Adequate Remedy at Law)

77. Kronos incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 64 of its Answer.
78. Plaintiff's claims for injunctive relief are barred in light of the fact that Plaintiff has an adequate remedy at law.

EIGHTH DEFENSE

(Unavailability of Enhanced Damages)

79. Kronos incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 64 of its Answer.
80. Plaintiff has failed to plead and meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 284 and 285 for increased damages and attorneys' fees and is not entitled to any alleged damages prior to providing any actual notice to Kronos of the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents.

NINTH DEFENSE

(Limitation on Damages)

81. Kronos incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 64 of its Answer.
82. Plaintiff's claims for damages, if any, against Kronos for alleged infringement of the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents are limited by 35 U.S.C. §§ 286, 287, and/or 288.

TENTH DEFENSE

(Failure to Mark)

83. Kronos incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 64 of its Answer.
84. Plaintiff's claims for damages are barred or limited due to failure by Plaintiff to allege compliance with, and failure to comply with, the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 287.

ELEVENTH DEFENSE

(Prosecution History Estoppel)

85. Kronos incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 64 of its Answer.
86. To the extent that Plaintiffs attempt to assert infringement under the doctrine of equivalents, Kronos believes that arguments and amendments contained in the prosecution history of the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents will estop or bar any claims for alleged

infringement.

TWELFTH DEFENSE

(Lack of Venue)

87. Kronos incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 64 of its Answer.
88. Venue is neither proper nor convenient in this District.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Kronos respectfully prays for the entry of judgment as follows:

- A. Dismissing with prejudice any and all claims of Plaintiff's Complaint and ordering that Plaintiff takes nothing as a result of the Complaint;
- B. Judging the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents and their claims invalid;
- C. Judging the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents and their claims unenforceable;
- D. Judging that Kronos has not and does not infringe, directly or indirectly, induce infringement of, or contribute to the infringement of, any valid and enforceable claim of the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents
- E. That Plaintiff be denied any remedies available under 35 U.S.C. § 284;
- F. That the Court denies Plaintiff any injunctive relief;
- G. That the Court denies Plaintiff any other relief as to the First through Fourth Claims for Relief;
- H. Finding that this is an exceptional case and awarding Kronos its attorneys' fees as the prevailing party pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285;
- I. That the Court award Kronos its costs of suit; and
- J. That the Court award such further relief as deemed just and proper.

KRONOS' COUNTERCLAIMS

89. Counterclaimant Kronos hereby submits these counterclaims pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 13 and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1 through 88 of its Answer.
90. There is an actual controversy between Kronos and Plaintiff regarding non-infringement, validity, and/or unenforceability of the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents because

Plaintiff has asserted that Kronos infringes the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents.

91. This is an action for declaratory relief brought under the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201 *et seq.* This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of these counterclaims under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331, 1338, and 1367.

92. Kronos is a Massachusetts corporation with its principal place of business at 297 Billerica Road, Chelmsford, Massachusetts 01824.

93. Upon information and belief, Plaintiff is a Texas limited liability corporation with its principal place of business at 1820 Shiloh Road, Suite 1201-C, Tyler, Texas 75703.

94. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Plaintiff at least because Plaintiff submitted itself to this Court's personal jurisdiction by suing Kronos and the other Defendants in this Court.

95. Venue for these counterclaims is proper in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 and under the doctrine of pendant venue because these counterclaims are closely related to the claims set forth in the Complaint.

FIRST COUNTERCLAIM

(Invalidity)

96. Kronos incorporates by reference paragraphs 89-95 of its Answer and Counterclaims.

97. The claims of the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents are invalid for failure to meet the requirements of one or more sections of 35 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq.*

98. The claims of the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents are invalid for failing to comply with the provisions of the Patent Laws of the United States, including without limitation 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 and/or 112.

SECOND COUNTERCLAIM

(Non-infringement)

99. Kronos incorporates by reference paragraphs 89-95 of its Answer and Counterclaims.

100. Kronos has not infringed and is not infringing, either directly or indirectly, any valid and enforceable claim of any of the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Kronos respectfully prays for the entry of judgment as follows:

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- B. Judging the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents and their claims unenforceable;
- C. Judging that Kronos has not and does not infringe, directly or indirectly, induce infringement of, or contribute to the infringement of, any valid and enforceable claim of the '175, '494, '700, or '472 patents.
- D. Finding that this is an exceptional case and awarding Kronos its reasonable costs of suit and attorneys' fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285; and
- E. That the Court award such further relief as deemed just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Kronos hereby demands trial by jury on all issues.

Dated: April 3, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served on all counsel of record via the Court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system and/or electronic mail on April 3, 2013.

/s/ Daniel Johnson, Jr. _____
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